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Dear Bob,

More than the usual thanks for your usual SASE because in~~2~~ my letting things slip a bit I also allowed myself to ~~XXXX~~ run out of stamps! With the winter's first snow on the ground.

I understand how your father felt from my time in a so-called nursing home. They are the most depressing of places! Rough on both ~~time~~ and me and she there several months longer.

Glad your mother got back to normal. I fear that for many is not for most ~~that~~ is all so easy after 65 years. (With ~~x~~ us a few more than 65.)

Too bad about the unexpected development~~s~~ on your great trips but they still must have been fine experiences!

You are wise to be keeping busy. From what I've seen men who have been active slip faster than others when they are no longer active. The side reading is also a good way to keep busy. I've not had that time for years and miss it.

You ask about the manuscripts I've been working on. Some were stolen when I was in effect confined in a local nursing home with no need of it but the friend who is getting them on a CDROM tells me he has three dozen of ~~them~~ ^{them} that I've produced in less than ten years. In time they will all be available

What I did when it became impossible for me ^{to} get to and from my own basement, where all my records were, is to charge when I was doing. I used the books of the phonies as a basis for commentaries on ~~which~~ ^{which} was written about the subject, in all instances sticking to the official evidence.

This friend has done a few other thing that helped make other information available.

In recent weeks I've felt something like I think your father did but I think I'm coming out of it now. I feel like it today, anyway.

Lil is still ~~xxx~~ asleep but I'm sure she joins me in wishing you and Gerri the best and in particular what she now lack, the ability to get around.

Use it while you can! Our best to you both!

Howard